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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Communication Re: Appeal	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/778,045	KURAHASHI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sara W. Crane	2811	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

1. ☐ The Notice of Appeal filed on _____ is not acceptable because:
- (a) ☐ it was not timely filed.
 - (b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the appeal was not submitted. See 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1).
 - (c) ☐ the appeal fee received on _____ was not timely filed.
 - (d) ☐ the submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1) is \$_____.
 - (e) ☐ the appeal is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31(a)(1) in that no claim has been twice rejected.
 - (f) ☐ a Notice of Allowability, PTO-37, was mailed by the Office on _____.
2. ☒ The appeal brief filed on _____ is NOT acceptable for the reason(s) indicated below: *See attached*
- (a) ☐ the brief and/or brief fee is untimely. See 37 CFR 41.37(a).
 - (b) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief has not been submitted. See 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2).
 - (c) ☐ the submitted brief fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The brief fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) is \$_____.

The appeal in this application will be dismissed unless corrective action is taken to timely submit the brief and requisite fee. See 37 CFR 41.37(a)(1). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). See 37 CFR 41.37(e).

3. ☐ The appeal in this application is DISMISSED because:
- (a) ☐ the statutory fee for filing the brief as required under 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) was not timely submitted and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136(a) has expired.
 - (b) ☐ the brief was not timely filed and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136(a) has expired.
 - (c) ☐ a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed on _____.
 - (d) ☐ other: _____.
4. ☐ Because of the dismissal of the appeal, this application:
- (a) ☐ is abandoned because there are no allowed claims.
 - (b) ☐ is before the examiner for final disposition because it contains allowed claims. Prosecution on the merits remains CLOSED.
 - (c) ☐ is before the examiner for consideration.

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The appeal brief filed on 20 May 2005 is defective because:

The Brief does not include an "Evidence appendix" and a "Related proceedings appendix." The requirement for such appendices appears in the "New Rules of Practice Before the BRAI - OG Date 23 December 2003." See

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/2003/week51/patrul.htm> . (May need to search for "appendix" or something similar to find the relevant sections of the rule.)

Apparently, to avoid remand, the Board is requiring an actual appendix with the appropriate title, with a statement that no "evidence" or "related proceedings" is included, if indeed no such information is included.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, appellant must submit the necessary additional appendices of the appeal brief within the longest of any of the following TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication; (2) within the time period for reply to the action from which appeal has been taken; or, (3) within two months from the date of the notice of appeal under 37 CFR 1.191. Extensions of these time periods may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S. Crane, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1652.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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